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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 4, 2005, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the figures are discussed on page 2, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 3 and the Remarks begin on page 6.

**In the Figures:**

The attached replacement sheets for Figures 1, 2, 4, and 6 include legends for the boxes represented by reference numerals. No changes were made to Figures 3 or 5 as each of the boxes in figure 3 has been labeled in figure 2 and no boxes are present in figure 5. These sheets replace the original four figures pages.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet for Figs. 1 and 3

Replacement Sheet for Fig. 2

Replacement Sheet for Figs. 4 and 5

Replacement Sheet for Fig. 6